Tips on Selecting an Irrigation Professional

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There comes a time when hiring an irrigation professional becomes necessary. I am frequently asked by residents for recommendations on sprinkler repair companies. There are a few things to keep in mind when deciding on which company to hire.

- Look for a Licensed Irrigator Make sure to verify that the person you hire has
 gone through the proper training to get a license. Licensed irrigators attend ongoing
 annual training to ensure they stay up to date on the latest technology to help you
 maximize your landscape watering.
- 2. Ask for references You want a company that has customers who are willing to back up their claims of good service.
- 3. Ask about experience working in Frisco We have unique regulations here in Frisco that must be followed and you want to be sure the specialist you hire is familiar with those regulations.
- 4. Find out if the specialist is familiar with your specific smart controller –Many different systems are on the market and they all operate differently. You want a professional who can make sure your equipment is operating at its full potential. They also should be able to show you how to operate the controller and answer any questions you may have about the system.
- 5. Ask friends and neighbors about irrigators they have hired If they had a good or bad experience with someone they worked with their input can be very helpful. Find out what concerns, questions, and issues they came across in their experience so you know what to expect.

Walk your system frequently, especially after mowing, to become familiar with your equipment. The key to avoiding water waste is catching the problems early.

In April, a one-day-per week watering schedule should be sufficient, providing we receive the normal rainfall.

Sincerely,

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